Python Cheat Sheet: The Basics

Python Data Types

String
Series of characters or data stored as text

```
my_string = "Hello"
```

String Operations

```
# returns the string with all uppercase letters
my_string.upper()
```

```
# returns the length of a string
len(my_string)
```

```
# returns the index of the first instance of the string inside the
# subject string, otherwise -1
my_string.find('l')
```

```
# replaces any instance of the first string with the second in my_string
my_string.replace('H', 'C')
```

Integer
A whole number

```
my_integer = 12321
```

Float
A decimal number

```
my_decimal = 3.14
```

Boolean
Discrete value true or false

```
a = True
b = False
```

Dictionary
Changeable collection of key-value pairs

```
my_dictionary = {'banana': 1, 12: 'laptop', (0,0):'center'}
```

Dictionary Operations

```
# Access value using key
my_dictionary['banana']
```

```
# Get all keys in a dictionary as a list
my_dictionary.keys()
```

```
# Get all values in a dictionary as a list
my_dictionary.values()
```

Tuple
Unchangeable collection of objects

```
tup = (1, 3.12, False, "Hi")
```

List
Changeable collection of objects

```
my_collection = [1, 1, 3.12, False, "Hi"]
```

List Operations

```
# returns the length of a list
len(my_collection)
```

```
# Add multiple items to a list
my_collection.extend(["More", "Items"])
```

```
# Add a single item to a list
my_collection.append("Single")
```

```
# Delete the object of a list at a specified index
del(my_collection[2])
```

```
# Clone a list
clone = my_collection[:]
```

```
# Concatenate two lists
my_collection_2 = ["a", "b", "c"]
my_collection_3 = my_collection + my_collection_2
```

```
# Calculate the sum of a list of ints or floats
number_collection = [1,2,3,4.5]
sum(number_collection)
```

```
# Check if an item is in a list, returns Boolean
item in my_collection
# Check if an item is not in a list, returns Boolean
item not in my_collection
```

Set
Unordered collection of unique objects

```
a = {100, 3.12, False, "Bye"}
b = {100, 3.12, "Welcome"}
```

Set Operations

```
# Convert a list to a set
my_set = set([1,1,2,3])
```

```
# Add an item to the set
a.add(4)
```

```
# Remove an item from a set
a.remove("Bye")
```

```
# Returns set a minus b
a.difference(b)
```

```
# Returns intersection of set a and b
a.intersection(b)
```

```
# Returns the union of set a and b
a.union(b)
```

```
# Returns True if a is a subset of b, false otherwise
a.issubset(b)
```

```
# Returns True if a is a superset of b, false otherwise
a.issuperset(b)
```

Indexing
Accessing data from a string, list, or tuple using an element number

```
my_string[element_number]
my_collection[element_number]
my_tup[element_number]
```

Slicing
Accessing a subset of data from a string, list, or tuple using element numbers from start to stop -1

```
my_string[start:stop]
my_collection[start:stop]
my_tup[start:stop]
```

Comparison Operators

Comparison Operators compare operands and return a result of true or false

Equal

```
a == b
```

Less Than

```
a < b
```

Greater Than

```
a > b
```

Greater Than or Equal

```
a >= b
```

Less Than or Equal

```
a <= b
```

Not Equal

```
a != b
```

Python Operators

- +: Addition
- -: Subtraction
- *: Multiplication
- /: division
- //: Integer Division (Result rounded to the nearest integer)

Conditional Operators

Conditional Operators evaluate the operands and produce a true of false result

And - returns true if both statement a and b are true, otherwise false

```
a and b
```

Or - returns true if either statement a or b are true, otherwise false

```
a or b
```

Not - returns the opposite of the statement

```
not a
```

Loops

For Loops

```
for x in range(x):
    # Executes loop x number of times
```

```
for x in iterable:
    # Executes loop for each object in an iterable like a string, tuple, list, or set
```

While Loops

```
while statement:
    # Executes the loop while statement is true
```

Conditional Statements

```
if statement_1:
  # Execute of statement_1 is true
elif statement_2:
  # Execute if statement_1 is false and statement_2 is true
else:
  # Execute if all previous statements are false
```

Try/Except

```
try:
   # Code to try to execute
except a:
   # Code to execute if there is an error of type a
except b:
   # Code to execute if there is an error of type b
except:
   # Code to execute if there is any exception that has not been handled
else:
   # Code to execute if there is no exception
```

Error Types

- IndexError - When an index is out of range
- NameError - When a variable name is not found
- SyntaxError - When there is an error with how the code is written
- ZeroDivisionError - When your code tries to divide by zero

Range

Produce an iterable sequence from 0 to stop-1

```
range(stop)
```

Produce an interable sequence from start to stop-1 incrementing by step

```
range(start, stop, step)
```

Webscraping

```
# Import BeautifulSoup
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
```

```
# Parse HTML stored as a string
soup = BeautifulSoup(html, 'html5lib')
```

```
# Returns formatted html
soup.prettify()
```

```
# Find the first instance of an HTML tag
soup.find(tag)
```

```
# Find all instances of an HTML tag
soup.find_all(tag)
```

Requests

```
# Import the requests library
import requests
```

```
# Send a get requests to the url with optional parameters
response = requests.get(url, parameters)
```

```
# Get the url of the response
response.url
# Get the status code of the response
response.status_code
# Get the headers of the request
response.request.headers
# Get the body of the requests
response.request.body
# Get the headers of the response
response.headers
# Get the content of the response in text
response.text
# Get the content of the response in json
response.json()
```

```
# Send a post requests to the url with optional parameters
requests.post(url, parameters)
```

Functions

```
# Create a function
def function_name(optional_parameter_1, optional_prameter_2):
     # code to execute
     return optional_output
```

```
# Calling a function
output = function_name(parameter_1, parameter_2)
```

Working with Files

Reading a File

```
# Opens a file in read mode
file = open(file_name, "r")
# Returns the file name
file.name
# Returns the mode the file was opened in
file.mode
```

```
# Reads the contents of a file
file.read()
```

```
# Reads a certain number of characters of a file
file.read(characters)
```

```
# Read a single line of a file
file.readline()
```

```
# Read all the lines of a file and stores it in a list
file.readlines()
```

```
# Closes a file
file.close()
```

Writing to a File

```
# Opens a file in write mode
file = open(file_name, "w")
```

```
# Writes content to a file
file.write(content)
```

```
# Adds content to the end of a file
file.append(content)
```

Objects and Classes

```
# Creating a class
class class_name:
     def __init__(self. optional_parameter_1, optional_parameter_2):
          self.attribute_1 = optional_parameter_1
          self.attribute_2 = optional_parameter_2

     def method_name(self, optional_parameter_1):
          # Code to execute
          return optional_output
```

```
# Create an instance of a class
object = class_name(parameter_1, parameter_2)
```

```
# Calling an object method
object.method_name(parameter_3)
```